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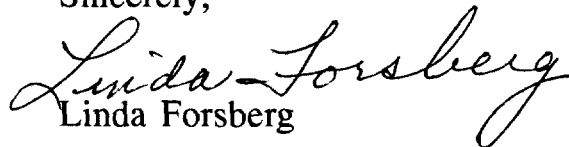
Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am very concerned about the safety of the food I choose to eat, as are many Americans. It is my right as a consumer to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered. Such foods present unknown risks to the environment, to family farmers, to my health, and the health of my family.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the F.D.A.'s policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I am definitely in support of the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and complete and prominent labels. Consumers should not be made unknowing guinea pigs in the industry's experiments with potentially dangerous foods.

I want to hear that the F.D.A. is living up to its mandate to protect public health and will provide consumers with information we need about the food we eat.

Sincerely,


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